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**MEMORANDUM**

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Transmittal #4, Foreign Medical Program Policy Manual

**PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSMITTAL CHANGE  
FOR THE FOREIGN MEDICAL PROGRAM POLICY MANUAL**

Explanations of the changes to the Foreign Medical Program Policy Manual are provided in the following summaries.

**MTOC (Master Table of Contents)**

- Chapter 2, Section 10, changes policy title to read Prosthetic Services/Devices.
- Chapter 2, Section 13, changes policy title to read Skilled Nursing Care.

**Chapter 2, Section 1, GENERAL MEDICAL BENEFITS**

- Under Policy Consideration, removes preauthorization requirement for DME.
- Under Exclusions, adds clarification that routine travel, meals or lodging is excluded (except as authorized under FMP Policy, [Chapter 2 Section 3](#), Travel).

**Chapter 2, Section 3, TRAVEL**

- Removes Procedure Code listing.
- Under Policy, clarifies that travel costs, to include meals and lodging, that are associated with authorized VA Compensation and Pension Examinations are covered.

**Chapter 2, Section 5, DENTAL SERVICES**

- Removes HCPCS Level II Codes.
- Under Policy, adds Class II(b) veterans having a service-connected noncompensable dental condition or disability and who were POWs for 90 days are eligible for repeat care for the service-connected condition(s); Class IV veterans whose service-connected disabilities have been rated at 100 percent or, who are receiving 100 percent rate by reason of individual unemployability, are eligible for any needed dental care, including repeat care.
- Under Policy, removes Class VI, as this classification is for veterans who reside in the U.S.
- Under Exclusions, removes reference to Class IV veterans as this information was more appropriately addressed under Policy.

#### **Chapter 2, Section 6, *REHABILITATIVE SERVICES***

- Removes Procedure Code listing.
- Under Exclusions, adds aversion therapy, custodial care, and rolting and changes title in hyperlink from *Nursing* to *Skilled Nursing Care*.

#### **Chapter 2, Section 7, *MENTAL HEALTH***

- Removes Procedure Code listing.
- Under Exclusions, adds rolting and transcendental meditation.

#### **Chapter 2, Section 9, *DME (DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT)***

- Removes Procedure Code listing.
- Under Definitions, clarifies durable medical equipment and expands definition examples.
- Under Policy, clarifies coverage criteria for durable medical equipment.

#### **Chapter 2, Section 10, *PROSTHETIC SERVICES/DEVICES***

- Amends policy title.
- Removes Procedure Code listing.

#### **Chapter 2, Section 11, *ORTHOTICS***

- Removes Procedure Code listing.

#### **Chapter 2, Section 12, *HOME CARE***

- Removes Procedure Code listing.
- Under Policy adds that the treatment plan must be signed by a physician and will be reviewed for medical necessity.
- Removes Policy Considerations.

#### **Chapter 2, Section 13, *SKILLED NURSING CARE***

- Amends policy title.
- Under Policy, clarifies that skilled nursing services must be under the supervision of a physician.

File this transmittal memorandum in the front of the Foreign Medical Program Policy Manual.

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